

Worcester Selectboard Meeting – January 2, 2018

Present: Ted Lamb, Chris Casey

Absent: Cheri Goldstein

Guests: Katei Winklejohn, Rodney Campbell, Joe Audet, Brian Powers, Matt McLane

Ted called the meeting to order at 6:32

Ted made a motion to approve minutes as written, Chris second. Motion passed.

Additions to meeting:

Public Input: NONE

New Business:

Road Maintenance Update – Brian Powers

- “Better Back Roads Grant” funds will be applied to the 2017 budget
- Backhoe/bucket loader will need repairs. Won’t know exact cost until it is taken apart and assessed.
- Brian is working on getting 3 prices for replacement of the 2012 F550. Schedule is such that trucks are replaced every five years.

Information and Proposal for maintenance of Eagle Ledge Trail – Matt McLane

- Matt provided information regarding geography, history, demographics and tax revenue regarding Eagle Ledge Trail.
- Eagle Ledge and Shepherd Hill together generate greater revenue than other trails. Matt proposed that, because of the revenue generated by the homes on the trails and because these trails serve a wider portion of the community because they are accessed for not only travel to homes but also for recreation, the town provide 4 loads of gravel per year for five years and 2 loads for every year after.
- It was agreed that the town has no obligation to improve the trail but to simply maintain it as a trail.
- It was agreed that Eagle Ledge does receive greater traffic than other trails in Worcester.
- Brian Powers, Worcester Road Commissioner, recommended that the Board not take any action regarding Eagle Ledge. Brian explained that 4 loads of gravel would not significantly improve the trail. In the section beyond McLane’s driveway the trail regularly floods. In order to do this correctly the trail would have to be rebuilt and the grade would have to be raised to have an elevation greater than the ponds at significant cost. Otherwise, any gravel deposited would disappear in a year.
- The Board agreed not to take any action on the trail at the point.

Old Business:

Town Clerk Report – Katie Winklejohn

- Town Hall has frozen pipes. Board agreed to go look after the meeting.
- Budget was reviewed. It will be ready for approval at next meeting to get to printers in time.

Ted made a motion to adjourn at 8:27. Chris seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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